

INE use
Stein House
Tuscumbia, Ala.
Colbert Co.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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THE STINE HOME
407 West 2nd, Street,
Tuscumbia, Colbert County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: Annibel Stine.

Previous Owners: William Smoot.
Isaac E. Young.
Mrs. Priscilla Smoot.
Mrs. Rosa Helden Stine.
Annibel Stine.

Date of Erection: 1835.

Architect: Unknown1

Builder: William Smoot.

Present Condition: Poor.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Part is two story frame; part
is one story frame; pitched roof; small porches.

Other Existing Records:

Additional Data: This house was erected by William Smoot, the first contractor to locate in Tuscumbia.

Between 1852 and 1871, a lean-to porch and dining room were added, which extended across the entire width of the house on back; these were removed in 1933.

In 1871, there was built on the right of the house (it faced North) a store-room and bath-room between two cistern-houses. Between these and the main house there was an alley ~~about~~ four feet wide, where there were two filters for the water to run in the cisterns. one cistern held 250 and the other 300 bbls. of water. This entire section was torn away in 1923, together with a 30 X 30 kitchen which was about 10 feet to the south. This kitchen had a large open fire place, and the back window was about thirty inches high and 120 inches long. Along by this window was a built-in to fit, table, two fourteen inch plank wide, and had three sets of legs, one at each end and one in the middle, there were two doors one to the front and one to the rear; between two 2-sash windows on each side of the large chimney were large shelves. There was a flu-hole for stove, which may have been added after 1852. The kitchen was built prior to the time the main house was, and in it lived William Smoot and his wife Elizabeth Parrot (Loker) Smoot, with at least five of his ten children.

Between 1852 and 1864 the brick smoke-house was built which is still in very good condition. There was, during these early years an ice house, negro quarters, a lock room and an office.

The office was torn away in 1923; it was one large bed-room about 15 X 25 feet, with a long porch extending across the entire front; there was a chimney and fire place at the east end.

The negro quarters were used as a barn after the Civil War.

The main house was the only one in the west part of town to withstand the storm of 1874, eight persons were killed in the home next door to this one.

On the night of April 5, 1936, Annibel Stine owner of this home was asleep in the only room that was undisturbed by the storm which blew off the roofing and portions of the decking, which made way for the rain to ruin the two upper rooms and parlor and hall down-stairs.

Additional Data: (cont'd)

Up until about 1910, this entire place was fenced in, a five foot picket fence in front, and taller fences all around the back. In the back yard is a huge pecan tree that was planted by Mrs. Smoot, it yields many bushels of pecans each year.

Source of Material:

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